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# STEP PARENTING: 50 One-Minute DOs And DON'Ts For Stepdads And Stepmoms



## Synopsis

A great step parenting and blended families resource for both the stepparent and the existing parent. Tired of reading a book that is hundreds of pages in length, then thinking they could have boiled down the "important parts" and saved you a lot of time? Here's a book that eliminates the fluff and gives you just the nuggets in 50 one or two-page chapters, each with an accompanying photo. Fast, easy and insightful reading. Critical steps to loving and effective step parenting of young children and teenagers. Randall Hicks's prior books on family formation and parenting have been featured on The Today Show, CBS This Morning, Sally Jesse Raphael, Mike and Maty, John and Leeza from Hollywood, The Home Show and the PBS network, as well as in The New York Times, Los Angeles Times and Chicago Sun-Times. Publishers Weekly has called Randall Hicks' books "Educational and empowering. No-nonsense, matter-of-fact advice while taking a compassionate approach." The American Library Association's review stated, "Showers the anxious parent with information." Library Journal reviewed his last book as "A must read." With Randall Hicks' easy-to-read, conversational writing style, his newest book on step-parenting will surely match the acclaim and success of his prior parenting books. STEP PARENTING: 50 One-Minute DOs & DON'Ts for Stepdads & Stepdads is a book that offers practical, insightful and compassionate guidance in building a strong family benefiting everyone: the stepparent, the existing parent, the stepchild, and step siblings.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

[Starred Review] A brilliantly lean book of tips for stepparents both with and without children of their own. Blended families, whether welcomed, or viewed as hostile takeovers, sometimes have bumpy

beginnings, but there are approaches that stepparents can take to both ease anxiety and initiate new family traditions. As promised, Hicks's tips are literally one-minute reads that go miles in helping stepparents understand both their own role and the perspective of the stepchildren. The guidance offered here delivers a healthy framework for negotiating a stable family structure. Enthusiastically recommended. -Library Journal (November 1, 2016)"Step parenting involves special challenges and skills. This book eliminates the fluff and gives you just the nuggets in 50 one-and-two page "chapters," each with an accompanying photograph, concisely addressing a particular issue. This is practical advice that both the stepparent and existing parent can instantly put to use."-Publishers Weekly (Booklife)

Randall Hicks is a nationally renowned writer on the subjects of parenting and family-formation. He is a frequent guest on national television. He, or his books, have been featured on many television and radio programs, including The Today Show, CBS This Morning, Sally Jesse Raphael, Mike and Maty, John and Leeza from Hollywood, The Home Show and the PBS network, as well as in The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Sun-Times and more.

This book delivered exactly what it said it would. The advice was clear and concise. Most things I read in a parenting book I find myself thinking "That's obvious - I already know that." And naturally there was some of those moments here. But there were also several that as soon as I read them I thought "I'm going to start doing that," or in some cases it was "stop doing that." The best part for me was not having to work through a whole chapter to get one little thing out of it. The author here sets up the situation, then talks about a good way to tackle it. I admit to very occasionally spanking my son. After reading this book, I will never do it again. The points made were so clear to me, and non-judgmental, it was like the author was looking into what I was thinking and addressing those thoughts. I've read many books touching on the subject and none has the impact of the two pages on the subject in this book. And the simple changing of words when talking to your child in the "Don't control your kids, guide them" section was a tiny, tiny change to be made in how I speak to my kids, but I can completely see how it makes a huge difference. I'd say I got five or six things out of this book that I will immediately do - or in the case of spanking, not do. It takes a real gift to say something short and simple. It's easy to ramble on forever and maybe get to the point. I wish this writer could write instructional books on every subject!

I really liked Step Parenting: 50 One-Minute Dos and Don'ts. It was easy to digest and gave great

insights and tips on becoming a step parent. A lot of the tips were common sense, others were things I would not have thought of myself. Step parenting is a challenge and it is nice to see some helpful information out there.

Great easy read. I found it very helpful and full of insight in dealing with every day simple challenges I have as a step parent. Step parenting is tough sometimes and this book re-enforced some of my ideas of what is very important to me and my family with clarity.

This book is easy and quick to read. Great common sense tips to start out the relationship on the right foot or get it back on track. I will use this advice as a step mom and grandmother.

This book was just what I hoped it would be. It was an easy read but offered so much helpful information. Unlike a lot of books that are just for stepmom or stepdads, the advice in Step parenting: 50 One Minute Do's and Don'ts for Stepdads and Stepdads is helpful for both. In fact, I'd say most of it would be great advice for any parent not just raising children, but having the right kind of relationship with your spouse. I liked that were several sections that dealt with the importance of not categorizing wither women or men based on their gender into a particular role in the family. This was great not only to help a marriage, but to set a good example in children about what good husband-wife relationships look like, particularly respect for women in diverse roles. I really liked the photographs that went with each of the fifty do's and don'ts as they tied in nicely with each subject and made it visually very pleasant to read. Many of the fifty step parenting suggestions were not completely new to me, but I admit I needed this refresher to remember them. I can't believe I had forgotten them as they are so important. There were also several ideas that were new to me that I can see putting to use right away. That's probably the best thing about this book in fact. It was just very easy to read and start using immediately.

This book gave me great insights into many of the situations and day-to-day challenges step parenting can have. I found it also a valuable book for parenting in general. Very much a good addition to my library and knowledge. Fast to read so, for me, it was read it before I need it.

Step Parenting: 50 One-minute DOs and DONTs was very informative and i would highly recommend it to anyone who maybe a step parent.

I found the book Step Parenting by Randall Hicks to be a a very informative, simple easy read. It should be a go to book for any Step Parent along with the existing parents everyone will benefit from this book.

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